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IRAQ PROSPECTS

I. New Iraqi government likely soon in place

Umari caretaker cabinet.

A. This due recent accord between Iraq's  
two strongest leaders,

1. Ex-premier Nuri Said will help form  
government, although his party only  
won plurality in 9 June elections.

2. Crown Prince Abdul Ilah--king's chief  
adviser, went to Europe to persuade  
Nuri.

B. Nuri or man his choosing will head  
coalition government: five, six or  
Nuri's party, three, four independents  
will compose cabinet.

C. Because Nuri bitterly opposed, no post  
for present Foreign Minister Jamali  
(who negotiated US arms aid agreement).  
May get US ambassadorship.

D. Cabinet to take office on Nuri's return  
after 29 July.

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II. Prospective coalition will be conservative pro-Western. Will give strength, stability to government.

A. However, social and economic reforms (pushed by Jamali when he prime minister) falling by wayside.

B. Coalition probably receptive to Turk-Pakistani pact approaches.

1. However, Nuri will be hard bargainer. Will also be sensitive to popular mood.

2. Although Iraqi extremists and Communists will bitterly oppose pact, government expected able control situation.

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